

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 6 and 13 have been amended. New claims 16-24 have been added.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by Downs et al. (U.S. 6,249,836). In response, claim 1 has been amended. Dependent claims 2-14 and independent claim 15 are believed patentable over Downs et al. for the reasons discussed below.

Claim 1 has been amended to include "dynamically allocating networked resources among peers". Downs et al., by contrast, is directed to distributing tasks to resource providers 16. There is no dynamic allocation of resources between resource providers 16 in Downs et al. because each of the service providers is selling resources (col. 2., lines 14-18). Further, in Downs et al., there is one resource allocator 14. There is no dynamic allocation of resources between some brokers as recited in claim 1 and 15. For least these reasons, amended claim 1 is patentable over the applied reference. Claims 2-14 and new claims 15-24 recite additional, important limitations and are patentable over Downs et al. for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1 as well as on their own merits. The anticipation rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Downs et al. in view of Dulberg et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0005107). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection

Dulberg et al. does not overcome the deficiencies discussed above with respect to Downs et al. Accordingly, the obviousness rejection should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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